



# The Voter

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## OUR PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dear Fellow Leaguers,

The League of Women Voters of Volusia County Board of Directors met in an emergency session on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, to accept with regret the resignation of our president Mary Anne Connors. In accordance with our LWVVC Bylaws, I, as first Vice President, become President, Cathy Egley becomes First Vice President and the Board elected Carla Christianson to serve as the Second Vice President. Judy Gordon, Membership Chair, was elected to fill Carla's Board of Directors seat. This change will be in effect until the Nominating Committee provides a new slate of officers for the 2023-2024 year at the next Annual Meeting in May. We thank Mary Anne for her service to our League and wish her well. She will remain active in whatever capacity that she feels able to do.



We have a big fall season coming up with elections, changes in election laws, redistricting, and getting out the vote campaign. Even though this is a midterm election, there are local, state, and national elections that impact us right here at home. We need everyone to join in the fun, volunteer to help, and be ready to assist in any and all calls. You are the League and we need you!

You can reach me by emailing [president@lwvvc.org](mailto:president@lwvvc.org) and I will respond as quickly as I can. We are still looking for ideas for topics of interest for our meetings this upcoming year.

In League,  
--Susan Bayley, President



## Legislative Liaison— Our New Chair

My name is Clay Meek, and my wife Carly and I are happy to be League members. I am a local attorney and have been practicing law in Volusia County since 1995. The goals of the League's Legislative Team include helping members work toward communicating League legislative priorities at both the local and state level. If League members have suggestions and questions to share or wish to get involved with the team, please do not hesitate to contact me at [claymeek@yahoo.com](mailto:claymeek@yahoo.com) or at (386) 882-2667.

## THE MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE STATUE—The Journey Continues

Last year Nancy Lohman spoke to our Volusia/Flagler League about the statue to honor Black educator, civil rights activist and suffragette Mary McLeod Bethune. The sculpture was created by Nilda Comas, who won a 2016 national competition sponsored by Florida's Council on Arts and Culture. Comas used marble from the same source in Italy as Michelangelo's *David*. She is the first Hispanic-American woman artist to have work placed in National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol. The statue is one of two that represent Florida.



Mary McLeod Bethune is the first African-American woman to be honored in Statuary Hall as a representative of any state, and the statue has replaced one of Confederate Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith. On the journey to the Capitol, the statue was on view at the News-Journal Center in Daytona Beach. Our League members went as a group to see it last November.

After the statue arrived in Washington, D.C., the ceremonial formal unveiling and dedication in Statuary Hall took place on July 13. A video of this inspiring event can be viewed at the following C-SPAN website:

<https://www.cspan.org/video/?c5023456%2Fmary-mcleod-bethune-statue-unveiled-national-statuary-hall=>

The statue of Mary McLeod Bethune in the U.S. Capitol is one of two that will depict the Black educator. The other statue, made of bronze, will be unveiled Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at Bethune Plaza in Riverfront Esplanade Park off Beach Street in Daytona Beach. The public is welcome to attend this event.

Daytona State College professors Len Lempel and Eric Breitenback have created a full-length documentary about Bethune and her life story. The film will premiere that evening— August 18 at 7:00 p.m. — at the Daytona Beach News-Journal Center and is also open the public.

--Carla Christianson

## WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY—Don't Let Anyone Tell You That Your Vote Won't Count!

On August 26, we celebrate the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution, confirming women's right to vote. Also known as "Susan B. Anthony Amendment" for her years of work for women's suffrage, passage took 72 years (from 1848 to 1920) for women to gain the vote. The amendment worked its way through the United States Congress and was sent to the states on June 4, 1919 for ratification.

However, many southern states refused to ratify it. On August 18, 1920, the Tennessee legislature was the last to take up the amendment. It passed by one vote when Harry Burn got a letter from his mother stating "Don't forget to be a good boy and help Mrs. Catt put the 'rat' in ratification." He changed his vote, and the measure passed by one vote. Don't let anyone tell you that one vote doesn't count!

The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was certified in Washington, DC on August 26, 1920. Unfortunately, minority women were not always able to exercise the franchise until the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965. Amazingly, Florida only belatedly ratified the Amendment on May 13, 1969 — 49 years late!! Finally, in 1971, the US Congress designated August 26<sup>th</sup> as Women's Equality Day. So don't forget that Florida's primary election is August 23<sup>rd</sup> — be sure to make your voice heard!

--Olga Hernandez

## JOIN US FOR THESE COMING EVENTS

### Our League Meetings:

Pat Rice, former editor of the Daytona Beach News-Journal has been retired long enough to have a new perspective on the media, the county and the country. He will join us Saturday morning, August 27 at 11:00 a.m. to give us his insights. Pat spent the last nearly 12 years as editor of The Daytona Beach News-Journal, closing a chapter in an award-winning 38-year journalism career. This is great opportunity to hear his views on current events and to ask questions you may have always wanted to ask. Check your Constant Contact email for event details and menu choices. Lunch reservations are due on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday August 27, 2022** — Join us for the Pat Rice presentation. Check in time is 10:30-11:00 with coffee available. The program will begin at 11:00 followed by a box lunch if you wish. (The cost is \$15.) Location: the Volusia United Educators (VUE) at 1381 Educators Road, Daytona Beach, FL 32124

**Saturday September 17, 2022**— September 17<sup>th</sup> is Constitution Day. Written in 1787, ratified in 1788, and in operation since 1789, the United States *Constitution* is the world's longest surviving written charter of government. A panel of speakers will help us take a fresh look at this very important document. Check in 10:30-11:00 at the VUE (See address above). Optional lunch available. Details to follow

**Tuesday, September 27, 2022**— Speaker at 5:30 pm at the DeLand Library. Lisa Lewis, Volusia County Supervisor of Elections, will give us an update on the election process 2022. Watch for more information. We will have an option for dinner to follow, so watch for details.

--Carla Christianson

### Upcoming Candidate Forums:

**Please join us for these opportunities to learn about candidates and their views.  
Forums are presented and moderated by the League of Women Voters of Volusia County.**

#### Volusia County School Board:

When: **Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 9:30 to Noon**

Where: The Center at Deltona, 1640 Martin Luther King Boulevard

Participants: District 1: Justin Kennedy and Kim Short

District 3: Al Bouie and Jamie Haynes

Note: Reuben Colon, a candidate for District 5, will attend the forum and be introduced.

#### Edgewater Mayor and City Council:

When: **Monday, August 8, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

Where: City of Edgewater Council Chambers, 104 N. Riverside Drive, Edgewater, FL 32132

Participants: Mayoral Candidates: Diezel DePew, Mike Ignasiak and Louis Panico, II

District 1: Rodney Bookhardt, Charlotte Gillis and Chuck Martin

District 3: Morgan Adams, Debbie Dolbow and Linda Mojer

**Ormond Beach County Council and Zone 1 City Commission:**

When: **Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**  
Where: St. James Episcopal Church, 44 S. Halifax Drive, Ormond Beach, FL 32176

Participants: County Council at Large: Sherrise Boyd, Andy Kelly and Doug Pettit  
County Council, District 4: Troy Kent, Mike McLean and Ken Smith  
City Commission, Zone 1: Tim Grigsby and Joseph Valerio

Note: Candidates not listed were unable to attend due to previous engagements.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT—Time to Renew!**

It's summertime, and for our League, that means it's time to renew your League membership! Our LWVVC membership year begins annually on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Members have several options for renewal:

- 1) You can now pay your dues on our website <https://lwvvc.org> Click on the upper right hand **JOIN** button on the homepage. You can renew and pay your dues online.
- 2) No changes in your membership information? (Single membership is \$60 and Family \$90) You can send in your dues check to our post office box: **LWVVC at P.O. Box 9695, Daytona Beach, FL 32120.**
- 3) Want a Renewal Form? Call or send an email to our Membership Chair Judy Gordon (386-441-4586 or [jbgordon@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jbgordon@cfl.rr.com)) requesting a form. If you do not remember whether you have already renewed your membership, just call or send an email to Judy, and she will check for you.

Thank you for renewing your membership and for your continued involvement in the League's work.

**We Welcome Our New LWVVC Members!**

Hannah Ehrli	Kathie Eichinger	Sonya Guidry
Cyndi Hoekstra	Sandra Jones	Alicia Keenon
Jennifer Kelly	Vance Kibler	Constance Luckett
Marguerite Lyons	Yvette Martin	Deborah McShane
Geoffrey Michl	Debby Nesbit	Tracy Nicholson
Pamela Novy	Dorothy Pehowic	Ginger Pinholster
James Reid	Karen Reid	Teresa Schwarz
Sheri Simasek	Ann Steiner	George Stevenson
Helen Testa	Deb Ulmer	Ellen Wintermuth
Kenneth Wintermuth		

--Judy Gordon

## EDUCATION TEAM—Questions for Candidates

The Education Team is working with Voter Service to host a forum for School Board candidates Aug. 6, at The Center in Deltona. We met on June 13 to draft questions to be used for the forum and for [Vote411.org](https://Vote411.org). The LWVFlorida Education Action Team crafted questions which were reviewed, revised and local issue questions added. We asked for volunteers to help with question screening and assist with hosting duties. The candidate forum has been our main priority for June and July.

The topic for this meeting will be a debrief of the forum and what we learned. We will also review legislative priorities related to education for the 2023 legislative session. Lastly, we will discuss what issues we will focus our energy on locally for 2022-23. We welcome all attendees. If you would like to join us please email Pat Drago at [patddrago@aol.com](mailto:patddrago@aol.com). **Our next meeting will be virtual on August 15 at 3:00 p.m.**

--Pat Drago

## OUR SPEAKERS BUREAU – Off and Running

The League of Women Voters of Volusia County is a well-respected civic organization. We are nonpartisan— our driving force is to educate voters. Citizens want to learn about candidates and issues, and we have been extremely busy in helping them do just that!!

Thank you to the members of the Speakers Bureau for stepping up and taking on this monumental task. We have worked in tandem with the LWVVC Voter Service Committee in presenting our ***Be Ready to Vote 2022*** PowerPoint program. Nancy Nusbaum and other League members have helped our local citizens navigate the electoral process to make sure their voter registration is in order so they can vote in 2022.

We have or will present educational programs at the Democratic Club of Flagler/Palm Coast, John Knox Village in Orange City, Marina Grande in Holly Hill, Deland Library, Ormond Beach Library, Daytona Beach Library, AAUW New Smyrna Beach, UU in Ormond Beach, UU in New Smyrna Beach, Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, AARP in Ormond Beach, Port Orange Library, and Citizens for Ormond Beach.

The Speakers Bureau members who have been making presentations are Nicki Junkins, Richard Denton, Pat Drago, Saralee Morrissey, Carla Christianson, Clay Meek, and Janet Nelson. However, there are numerous opportunities to help. Contact Ann Smith if you are interested in joining the Speakers Bureau.

A partial list of the topics we are prepared to present include the following:

- **Be Ready to Vote 2022**
- **Civics and Critical Thinking**
- **NEWS: Separating Fact From Fiction**
- **Ranked Choice Voting**
- **National Popular Vote**
- **Education**

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the Speakers Bureau or interested in having a presentation, please contact me, Ann Smith, Speakers Bureau Chair, at [ahsmith5@bellsouth.net](mailto:ahsmith5@bellsouth.net) or 386-235-3957.

--Ann Smith

## VOTER SERVICE — Busy and Productive Months!

March through June have been busy times for voter registration activity. We thank the following for their continued efforts:

### Voter Registration at Speakers Bureau presentations:

- John Knox Village on June 13 — Nancy Nusbaum
- St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church on June 19 — Julie and Tom Hilburn, Vivian Lord, Allen Cowan, and Nancy Nusbaum
- Marina Grande on June 21 — Nancy Nusbaum
- Deland Library on June 24 — Sue Hofstrandt and Pat DeSalvo
- AARP on July 13 — Nancy Nusbaum

### Other voter registration events:

- Margaritaville Volunteer Day on March 31 — Libby and John Hilderbrandt, Nancy Nusbaum
- Pierson Children's Festival on April 30 — Stephen Tonjes, Sue Hofstrandt, Mary Kiernan-Tighe, Vivian Lord, Allen Cowen, Nancy Nusbaum
- Voter registration at the DeLeon Springs, Volusia County Council, District 1, candidate forum on June 21—Vivian Lord, Allen Cowan, Sue Hofstrandt
- Juneteenth Festival Daytona on June 18 — Nicki Junkins, Saralee Morrissey, Jeanne Tanke, Lucy Christman, Nancy Nusbaum

### Vote411.org:

We have renewed appreciation and awe for Sandy Horikami's single-handed management of vote411.org, as a team of volunteers who have now joined forces to wrestle it into 2022! With Nicki and me in the lead, the **Observer Corp** stepped up to provide names, addresses and phone numbers for all 100+ candidates for all the races. Thank you to Susan Bayley, Gail Merritt, Olga Hernandez, Susan Pate, Joyce Monaco, Pat DeSalvo, Linda Mojer, Janet Babbitt, Karol Rainier, Pam Phillips, Vivian Lord, Jeanne Tanke and Kathie Eichinger. Members of the **Education Action Team**— Pat Drago, Saralee Morrissey, Ann Smith, Judy Conte, Lena Ellis, Nicki Junkins, Monique Fischer, Jennifer Kelley and Pat Cosby— reviewed the school board questions offered by the state Education Team and then added their own questions.

Our League members have been very busy this summer. Nicki Junkins organized the writing of municipal candidate questions with the help of Pat Drago and Ann Smith. Nicki also climbed the steep technical learning curve and launched the races and GIS data (what? trust me, you don't want to know!). Jeanne Tanke is heading up the LWVFL postcard campaign in Volusia to communicate with returning citizens about their voting rights. Several Volusia League members have volunteered to address cards. If you have not signed up but would like to join the team, please contact Jeanne at [jeanne6221lwvcc@gmail.com](mailto:jeanne6221lwvcc@gmail.com)

Several contacts have been initiated with leaders in the African-American community to provide voter service through local churches, Equal Ground, NAACP, etc. We are working with partners to increase voter turnout. If you have a connection that you think would be helpful, please contact Nancy Nusbaum at [nusbanh@gmail.com](mailto:nusbanh@gmail.com).

Finally, the invitations went out to the candidates in the primary. Nancy tracked their responses and helped Ann Smith and Pat Drago to call slow-responder candidates to remind them of our deadline. The vote411.org website went live on July 25. This success was truly a team effort!

-- Nancy Nusbaum



## GROWTH MANGEMENT—Working Toward Affordable Housing

The LWVVC Growth Management Action Team will be chaired this year by Saralee Morrissey. She is a current League board member and serves on Volusia County's ECHO committee. She also served as a committee member on one of the county's affordable housing affinity groups. Volusia County recently adopted the *Affordable Housing Initiative: The Path Forward—Strategies for Success*, a five-year plan that includes creating a Community Land Trust. The initiative was the result of many webinars and other public outreach during the pandemic as well as the work of three affinity groups over the past year. A downloadable copy of the affordable housing plan is available at the following address:

[https://www.volusia.org/core/fileparse.php/7313/urlt/Draft The Path Forward ADA.pdf](https://www.volusia.org/core/fileparse.php/7313/urlt/Draft%20The%20Path%20Forward%20ADA.pdf)

Morrissey is known for her many decades as the planner for the Volusia County School District, and prior to that for the city of Daytona Beach. She was recognized by the American Planning Association for her work as a school planner and currently chairs its Public Schools and Communities Interest Group. If you are interested in participating with the League's Growth Management committee, please email her at [saraleemorrissey@gmail.com](mailto:saraleemorrissey@gmail.com). The committee will hold its meeting in September. The date and whether the meeting will be held virtually or in person is yet to be determined.

-- Saralee Morrissey



## NATURAL RESOURCES— Highlighting Volusia's Unique Environment

Over the summer months, in my absence, our Natural Resource Team has been headed up by Pattie Gertenbach and Melissa Lammers. Our team members have been choosing topics to contribute to our League's programs for the upcoming year, including Hot Topics sessions and general meetings.

Team members have focused on content that highlight issues related to our county's unique ecology. The top two choices this year are related to changes to the "property rights" element of Volusia's Comprehensive Plan and the Environmental Core Overlay. We also will be continuing with our efforts to recycle election signs for both the primary and general elections.

--Nancy Vaughn

## Educating Future Voters!

LWVVC Voter Service and Natural Resources Teams were busy at the Lyonia Preserve Festival registering/educating voters and sponsoring an election for children-Vote for your Favorite Animal. Voters chose between a snake, alligator, hawk or shark! It was terrific to watch these young voters think carefully about their choice before casting their ballot.



League members marched in the DeLand Dog Parade, enjoying the beautiful dogs, the spectacular floats, and the creative costumes. Our Voter Service Team made sure that people were registered to vote and that they got information about upcoming elections and the rules needed to vote by mail.

We also had our littlest voters vote for their favorite puppy. Many thanks to Cathy Egley, for supplies for our procession, the Voter Service team: Tom and Julie Hilburn, Sue Hofstrand, and Lucy Christman. Also, many thanks to Suze and Torrey Peace for help in set-up.

## OBSERVER CORPS REPORTS-- The LWVVC Observer Corps needs You!

### Olga Hernandez--Observer Corp Coordinator

The LWVVC Observer Corps performs an essential function in the community. We attempt to monitor government meetings in 16 cities, the county, and the school board in Volusia. Observers are the eyes and ears that help alert us if there are issues of concern. Thank you to our current observers: Janet Babbitt, Susan Bayley, Ann Harrell, Linda Mojer, Nancy Nusbaum, Susan Pate, Karol Rainier, and Olga Hernandez.

Currently we have vacancies to observe the councils or commissions in DeBary, Deland, Deltona, Lake Helen, Oak Hill, Orange City, Pierson, Ponce Inlet, and South Daytona. Please contact Olga at [oah@vyndicar.com](mailto:oah@vyndicar.com) if you are interested in being an observer in one of these areas. Some localities stream their meetings, but better if you attend in person.

Basically, an observer accesses the agenda, wears the League's Observer badge (so they know LWV is in attendance), attends the meetings, and periodically submits a short synopsis of the meetings that will appear in *The Voter*. To ensure consistency of message, only the president speaks in the name of the LWVVC, so observers do not speak for the LWVVC unless our president, Susan Bayley, gives permission.



### **Edgewater City — Edgewater City Council Meetings Spring and Summer 2022 — Linda Mojer, Observer**

In addition to honoring residents and recognizing outstanding achievements, the Edgewater City Council has addressed standing management items from budgets, planning and ordinances – while also deliberating specialized concerns surrounding short-term rentals, affordable housing, development density, and water quality.

After a two-year trial, it was determined that much of the work undertaken by the short-lived Environmental Advisory Board had fallen within the purview of either staff or other working boards and agencies. Re-iterating its commitment to preservation and protection of the environment, the City Council dissolved the group to eliminate redundancies. The City's Environmental Services Department remains fully staffed and regularly updates Council and residents on items of concern in public session.

The City of Edgewater operates under a Council-Manager form of government, with elected officials representing four districts, plus a mayor, who each serve a four-year term in a staggered schedule. Heading into the 2022 midterm cycle, three terms (for Mayor and Council District seats 1&3) were timed to end, and multiple candidates qualified to make election bids in each of the races set for the August primary. In June, an early resignation by the seated D3 representative initiated an interim appointment process, which drew applications from several of the named candidates and selection of one from that group to serve out the vacated term. The preliminary runoff ballot was set to field 3 candidates for Mayor, 3 for the District 1 seat and 5 for the District 3 seat. Top finishers will face off in the General Election in November.

### **Daytona Beach— Daytona Beach Commissioners Meeting February through March 2022— Susan Pate, Observer**

Most of the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was discussion on the first reading to amend the closing time of bars in the city from 3 AM to 2 AM. Many residents in that area were for this change while bar owners and employees spoke against the change. Employees contended that they receive a lot of their tips during that last hour. There are exceptions to the 2 AM closing: Speed Week, Coke Zero, Jeep Week, Bike Week, Biketoberfest, Turkey Run, New Year's Eve and Labor Day. Second Reading was March 2, 2022. After much debate, the City Commission passed the change in the ordinance to move the closing time from 3 AM to 2 AM.

The City adopted a resolution to buy the Corbin Building and property at 777 Main Street for \$3,100,000 plus closing costs. Monies from the Main Street Redevelopment Fund will help pay for the building while the city will fund parking, landscaping and improved lighting. The city hopes to restore the building into a mixed use (restaurants, shops)/public market. This type of development has breathed life into many blighted areas and has been successful in Tampa, Seattle and Atlanta to name a few. It is the commission's hope that this could bring year-round activity to Main Street.

Several resolutions were passed that involved local elections:

- Call for a primary election on Tuesday August 23, 2022 for zones 1, 3 & 5 where there are more than two candidates running.
- Appointing and naming Lisa Lewis, Supervisor of Elections in Volusia County, as custodian of all ballots and voting equipment for the Municipal Primary and request that she administer absentee ballots as well as appoint inspector and clerks for Elections.

- City Clerk's office will appoint the Volusia County Canvassing Board to judge the results of the August 23, 2022 primary and the November 8, 2022 general election.
- City Clerk's Office to designate the polling places in the City of Daytona for the primary and general elections.

The Commission listened to a presentation of the Windsor Marley Rehab. These buildings were in dire need of remodeling and should be completed by May 2024. HUD reclassified these buildings to section 8 multi-housing, allowing for better funding through the private sector. More money is available for upgrading and flood abating which will cost around \$60 million. The commission also approved a contract with the U.S. Tennis Association for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Daytona Beach Professional Women's Tennis Tournament in May.

### **Daytona Beach Shores**

#### **Spring and Summer 2022 — Olga Hernandez and Janet Babbitt, Observers**

Several items began the meeting agenda: The City of DBS has a new manager as Michael Booker retired, after 22 years, Kurt Swartzlander replaced him this summer. The Treasure Island Resort property on A1A, damaged during the 2004 hurricane season, was finally demolished. The Council decided to change the investment percentage of city funds to 100% in US Treasury bonds for better fiscal opportunity.

Recently the Truck Meets have been problematic, so DBS worked with six other municipalities to enforce rules during the last Truck Meet. The council recognized this coordinated effort helped ensure the public's safety.

The council announced that residents could now sign up for Reverse 911 Shores Alert service to receive emergency notifications from the city. The council also reduced code enforcement fines for a small motel with the requirement that the fines be paid by the following month. The council also approved an ordinance to prohibit smoking in city parks.

Council Member Rick Frizalone (seat 3) resigned in June as he moved out of the city, he was thanked for his service. Christopher W. Conomos was appointed to replace him. The Mayor, Nancy Miller; Vice Mayor Mel Lindauer (seat 1) and Mr. Conomos (seat 3) are up for election in November. All were reelected as no other candidates filed to run.

### **Holly Hill- Holly Hill Commissioners' Meeting**

#### **November 2021 through January 2022 — Susan Pate, Observer**

The commission approved the purchase of picnic tables, park benches, and barbecue grills for Sunrise Park to create a better park environment. Commissioners also approved a storm water pipe lining project for Elizabeth Street and Tuscaloosa Avenue to replace old pipes and extended the contract with a realtor for one year in hopes of selling property at 627 Ridgewood to a business that will enhance the property.

Holly Hill also entered into an agreement with Volusia County to contribute \$1 million as the ECHO grant of \$2.5 million was approved for the construction of Pictona 2. It will consist of 24 pickleball courts, a stadium for championship play, and a training center. The remaining \$2 million will be paid by Rainer and Julie Martens from Ormond Beach who also contributed to the building of Pictona 1. Pictona will become the largest pickleball facility on Florida's east coast. The grant will double the size of Pictona. Phase 2 is scheduled to open in the fall.

The commission authorized the City Manager to execute a purchase and sale agreement for a parcel of land on Ridgewood that has been empty for several years. The land is being purchased by four young entrepreneurs who grew up in Holly Hill and want to give back to the community. They will be opening a rock climbing (now an Olympic sport) facility. One commissioner commented on how many sports complexes there are in Holly Hill that offer a wholesome environment for our youth. A new reorganization plan for the Holly Hill Police was presented which will result in more officers on the street to help combat crime.

**Port Orange— Port Orange City Council**  
**June through July 2022 — Karol Rainier, Observer**

All three city council seats (zones 1, 2, 4) that were up for election, were filled by the candidates as they ran unopposed. Two were incumbents (Reed Foley and Scott Stiltner) and the third seat will be vacated by Chase Tramont (as he is running for a state legislative seat) and filled by Kat Atwood.

Port Orange owns the Cyprus Head Golf Course, so the city council receives updates periodically from the Golf Course Advisory Board. The June verbal report was that the golf course is in beautiful condition, however, there are drainage issues with a few of the lakes. Aquatic plants are needed to assist the drainage.

An amendment to the Code of Ordinances (CoO) creates three entertainment districts to further support the city's redevelopment efforts within Port Orange Town Center Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) and along Ridgewood Avenue. The specific areas are Down Under (under the Dunlawton Bridge), Riverwalk, and Ridgewood/Commonwealth area. The amendment also establishes Maximum Sound Level limits (dBA) and timeframes for sound or noise within an entertainment district. After discussion and comments from constituents and a restaurant owner, below is the agreed upon amendment.

Entertainment District	Time	dBA Limit	
		Sunday – Wednesday	Thursday - Saturday
Riverwalk	7 a.m. – 12 a.m.	70	80
	12 a.m. – 7 a.m.	55	55
Down Under	7 a.m. – 11 p.m.	65	75
	11p.m. – 7 a.m.	55	55
Ridgewood / Commonwealth	7 a.m. – 11 p.m.	65	75
	11p.m. – 7 a.m.	55	55

The Pittman Law Group from Tallahassee is the lobbyist firm hired by Port Orange to assist the city with monitoring government activities and to provide access to state legislators, agency officials, and their staff. The Pittman Law Group provided a synopsis of the new bills that passed and an update on the State's budget and legislative appropriations.

## League Calendar for August – September 2022

**Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to Noon— Volusia County School Board, Districts 1, 3, and 5 candidates,**  
The Center at Deltona, 1640 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Deltona.

**Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. —Edgewater Mayor and City Council, Mayoral and District 1 and District 3 candidates,** City of Edgewater Council Chambers, 104 N. Riverside Drive, Edgewater.

**Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. —Ormond Beach County Council and Zone 1 City Commission,**  
St. James Episcopal Church, 44 S. Halifax Drive, Ormond Beach.

**Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. —Education Team - virtual meeting,** to join email [patddrago@aol.com](mailto:patddrago@aol.com)

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River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization Bldg., Indigo Professional Center, 2570 West International Speedway Boulevard, Suite 100 Daytona Beach.

**Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. —Mary McCloud Bethune bronze statue unveiled** at Bethune Plaza in Riverfront Esplanade Park off Beach Street in Daytona Beach – The public is invited to attend.

**Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. —Mary McCloud Bethune film premiere** at the Daytona Beach News-Journal Center, 221 N Beach St, Daytona Beach. The public is invited to attend this event as well.

**Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> Florida's primary election** — be sure to make your voice heard!

**Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. to Noon—New Perspective on the Media in the County and the Country.**  
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**September 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. —LWVVC Board meeting.** All League members are invited to attend.  
River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization, Indigo Professional Center, 2570 West International Speedway Boulevard, Suite 100 Daytona Beach, FL 32114-8145.

**Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. —Lisa Lewis, Volusia County Supervisor of Elections.**  
Hot Topics meeting at the DeLand Library, 130 E Howry Ave, Deland – option for dinner to follow.

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